

Is poor quality power service undermining economic growth in Burundi?

Poor-quality power service is undermining opportunities for economic growth in Burundi and the lack of investments has compromised access to expansion efforts.

Why is Burundi's economic growth stalling?

WASHINGTON, January 10, 2024 -- Although Burundi's economic growth is steadily improving, efforts risks stalling due to lack of access to electricity which affects households, industries, and commercial premises.

Will Burundi reach universal access by 2030?

In a context where the Government of Burundi (GoB) has developed an ambitious program to reach universal access by 2030, the Bank is actively supporting that program along with other donors and this additional financing will provide more capacity to supply additional customers that will be connected through that program.

What is the ascent Burundi project?

The ASCENT Burundi Project will support the Government of Burundi's (GoB) Universal Access Program, launched in 2023 and will reinforce the medium voltage network across the country while rehabilitating, modernizing, and expanding Bujumbura's distribution network.

How will the gob support grid electrification in peri-urban and rural areas?

To accelerate efforts in expanding electricity access, the GoB will be partnering with the private sector to support grid electrification in peri-urban and rural areas. The project will support a distribution pilot led by Weza Power - a newly created private utility that signed an Interim Public Partnership Agreement with the government.

In his opening speech, Minister Ibrahim Uwizeye called for greater collaboration to increase the country's energy production, stressing that "Burundi needs a ...

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Construction work is under way on the 20MW Kabu 16 small hydro plant on the Kabulantwa River in Cibitoke province. Indian developer Angelique International has given ...

Additional financing of \$50 million for the BI-Jiji and Mulembwe Hydropower Project (PHJIMU) will continue support for the government's overarching goal of boosting electricity access through ...

International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) statistics show that Burundi had just 9 MW of installed PV capacity at the end of 2023.

A new World Bank-financed project will support the increase of electricity access in Burundi and help to improve the country's energy sector performance. The project is ...

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Funding from the African Water Facility will develop the new Ruvyironza Multipurpose Dam. Image Source: AfDB. But the East African nation's energy security is low, ...

State-owned utility Régie de Production et Distribution d'Eau et d'Electricité (Regideso) has launched an international tender to connect the Rusumo Falls hydropower ...

A groundbreaking ceremony took place on 18 January for a 7.5MW solar park being developed by Gigawatt Global at Mubuga, 100km east of Bujumbura (AE 287/6). The ...

Each of the 11 mini-grids comprises 9 units with a capacity of 34.88kWp and a battery bank storage of 254.4kWh, alongside 2 units with a capacity of 17.44kWp and a ...

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